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RE: Transfer of blood lead data tables

April 12, 2001

Dear Bonnie:

As requested, CDPHE is providing to EPA a CD-ROM containing blood lead results for children residing within the VB-I70 study area who have been tested through various state lead surveillance and medical testing programs. I have done address matching to provide paired soil lead and blood lead levels where that information is available.

The state is requesting that the data being released to EPA be treated as confidential, based on the provisions set forth in the Colorado Open Records Act (C.R.S. 24-72-204), which exempts disclosure of medical data of individuals. Because much of the blood lead data being provided was collected as part of mandatory state reporting of epidemic, communicable, chronic and environmental diseases to the Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Division within the state health department, these data are also considered strictly confidential and exempt from disclosure under C.R.S. 25-1-22.

We appreciate EPA's willingness, as a means of further ensuring the long-term confidentiality of the data, to only release results of their data analysis in the form of grouped data or statistical summaries and to purge or return the actual data tables when analysis and review is completed. Please call me at 303-692-2644 at your earliest convenience to discuss delivery of the CD-ROM to you or your designated contractor.

Sincerely,

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